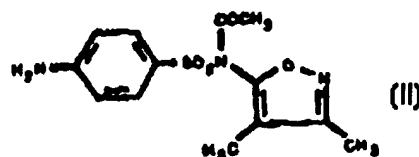
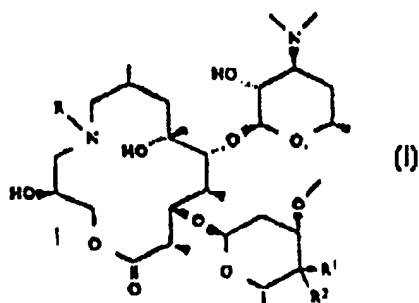




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## (57) Abstract

Pharmaceutical compositions of an erythromycin derivative combined with sulfisoxazole according to structural formulas (I) and (II) where R is hydrogen; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkylcarbonyl, or substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkyl wherein the substituent is amino or cyano; R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are independently hydrogen, hydroxyl or amino; and the pharmaceutical salts and esters thereof.

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## **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

### **Field Of The Invention**

The present invention relates to a novel group of chemical compounds providing antibacterial activity, and which are useful in the therapy of bacterial infections in mammals. More specifically, the invention relates to compositions including the derivatives of the well-known antibiotic, erythromycin A.

### **Description of Related Art**

The related art includes:

Tarpay et al, Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy, Vol. 22, No. 1, pages 145-147 (1982).

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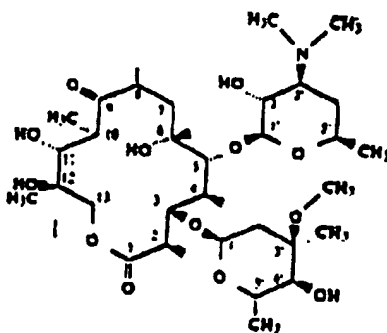
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## **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

The erythromycin derivatives act by binding to the 50S ribosomal subunit of susceptible microorganisms and, thus, interfere with microbial protein synthesis. Nucleic acid synthesis is not affected. The sulfisoxazole inhibits bacterial synthesis of dihydrofolic acid by preventing the

condensation of the pteridine with para-aminobenzoic acid through competitive inhibition of the enzyme dihydropteroate synthetase. After absorption the erythromycin derivative is largely bound to plasma proteins and readily diffuses into most body fluids. Rapid distribution of erythromycin derivative into tissues and high concentration within cells results in higher concentrations in tissues than in serum or plasma. Erythromycin derivative seems to concentrate in fibroblasts and phagocytes as demonstrated by in vivo incubation techniques. Such derivatives are modifications of the well-known antibiotic, erythromycin A, having the following structure:



The erythromycin derivatives of the present invention relate to the compounds of the following structure and derivatives thereof, which form a novel class of 14-membered azalides characterized in that the heterocyclic nitrogen atom is situated at the 10 position. The inventive step in the present invention is that these compounds are combined with sulfoxazole for enhanced antibacterial activity. The present invention provides for novel pharmaceutical compositions and methods for their use as antibacterial agents.

### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

An important challenge in regards to antibiotics, is how to avoid the problem of pathological resistance to these medications. By combining two different antibiotics, each having different mechanisms of action, but which work synergistically together this problem can be overcome. The present invention stems from the discovery that certain erythromycin derivatives are easily

tolerated by patients without causing gastrointestinal disturbances. Additionally when combined with sulfisoxazole, resistance to *Enterococcus Faecalis*, methacillin-resistant staphylococci, and erythromycin resistant gram-positive strains is achieved. The inventive combination provides protection from a greater antibacterial spectrum than either erythromycin or sulfisoxazole alone. Thus, this new invention not only saves lives by providing a combination that overcomes medication resistance but is more easily tolerated without stomach upset and vomiting; side effects experienced by many people taking erythromycin alone.

Specifically the basis for the present invention is the pharmaceutical composition of an erythromycin derivative combined with acetylsulfisoxazole according to the structural formulas shown in Claim 1 below, where R is hydrogen; C1-C10 alkylcarbonyl, or substituted C1-C10 alkyl wherein said substituent is amino or cyano; and R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are independently hydrogen, hydroxyl or amino; and including the pharmaceutical salts and esters thereof. Chemically acetylsulfisoxazole is N-(3,4,-Dimethyl-5-isoxazole)-N-sulfanyllactamide. Sulfisoxazole, where the acetyl group is replaced by H is an alternative substitution in the invention. Alternative possibilities for the erythromycin derivative include, but are not limited to, the structural formulas as shown in either Claim 3 where R is methyl, R<sup>1</sup> is H and R<sup>2</sup>, in Claim 5 where R is amino alkyl carbonyl, R<sup>1</sup> is H and R<sup>2</sup> is OH, and in Claim 6 where R is cyano, R<sup>1</sup> is an amino group, and R<sup>2</sup> is H.

In an alternate embodiment, the composition of the present invention may be formulated wherein the erythromycin derivative has the general structural formula as shown below in Claim 2, including the pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters and metal complexes thereof, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, C1-C10 alkyl carbonyl or unsubstituted or substituted C1-C10 alkyl wherein the substituent is amino or cyano; R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are hydrogen; R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> together are oxo; R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen or C1-C10 alkylcarbonyl; R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are independently hydrogen, hydroxy or amino; R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> together are oxo or oximino; R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> are independently hydrogen, C1-C10 alkyl or phenylsulfonyl; R<sup>9</sup> is hydrogen, or C1-C10 alkylcarbonyl, and R<sup>10</sup> is hydrogen. Examples of operable substitutions for the nine variables include the following:

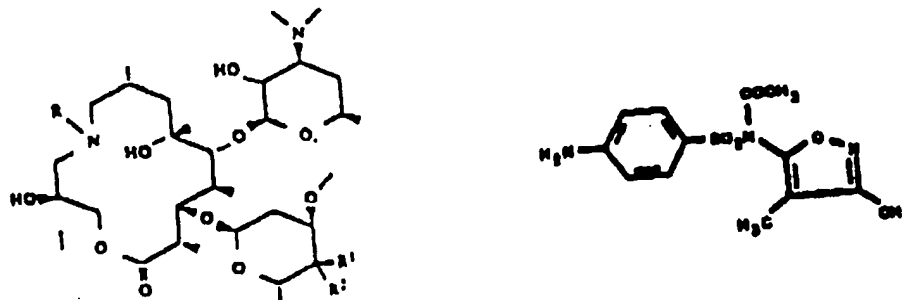
R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	R <sup>4</sup>	R <sup>5</sup>	R <sup>6</sup>	R <sup>7</sup>	R <sup>8</sup>	R <sup>9</sup>
CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	H	H	OH	H	H	H
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CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	OH	H	H	H

In formulating the combination of the present invention it has been found that the mixture ratio by weight, of erythromycin to sulfisoxazole, may range from 100:1 to as much as 1:1, and even trace amounts of sulfisoxazole may be operative. The preferred ratio is 100:38. The erythromycin and sulfisoxazole are prepared following standard laboratory procedures and processes that all competent workers in the field of the present invention will know.

The various alternative formulations of the present invention may take the form of a compressed pill, a powder in an easy to swallow caplet, or even as a fluid dissolved in a liquid such as water. In all cases, the formulation is to be taken orally.

**CLAIMS**

1. A pharmaceutical composition of an erythromycin derivative combined with acetylsulfisoxazole according to the structural formulas:



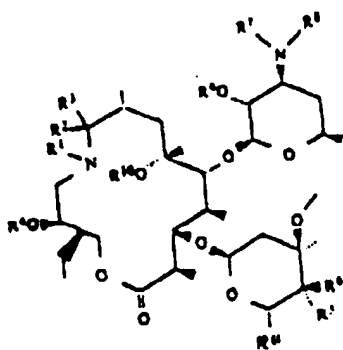
where R is hydrogen;

C1-C10 alkylcarbonyl, or substituted C1-C10 alkyl wherein said substituent is amino or cyano;

R1 and R2 are independently hydrogen, hydroxyl or amino;

and the pharmaceutical salts and esters thereof.

2. A pharmaceutical composition of a erythromycin derivative combined with acetylsulfisoxazole according to the structural formula:





and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters and metal complexes thereof, wherein

$R^1$  is hydrogen,

C1-C10 alkylcarbonyl or unsubstituted or substituted

C1-C10 alkyl [where] wherein said substituent is amino or cyano;

$R^2$  and  $R^3$  are hydrogen;

$R^2$  and  $R^3$  together are oxo;

$R^4$  is hydrogen or C1-C10 alkylcarbonyl;

$R^5$  and  $R^6$  are independently hydrogen, hydroxy or amino;

$R^5$  and  $R^6$  together are oxo or oximino;

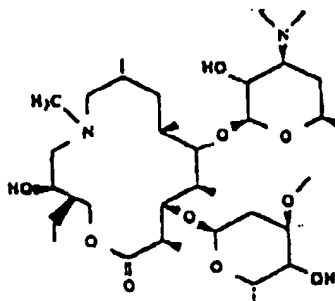
$R^7$  and  $R^8$  are independently hydrogen, C1-C10 alkyl or phenylsulfonyl;

$R^9$  is hydrogen, or C1-C10 alkylcarbonyl,

$R^{10}$  is hydrogen, and

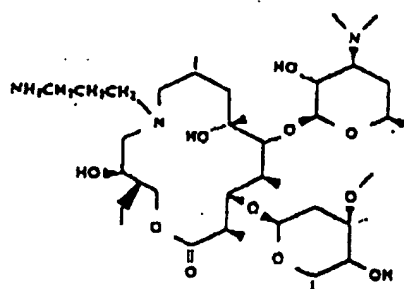
$R^{11}$  is hydrogen or acetyl.

3. The composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the erythromycin derivative has the structural formula:



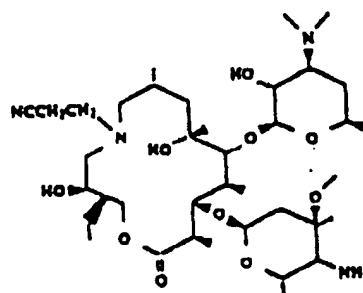
wherein  $R$  is methyl,  $R^1$  is H and  $R^2$  is OH.

4. The composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the erythromycin derivative has the structural formula:



wherein R is amino alkyl carbonyl, R<sup>1</sup> is H and R<sup>2</sup> is OH.

5. The composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the erythromycin derivative has the structural formula:

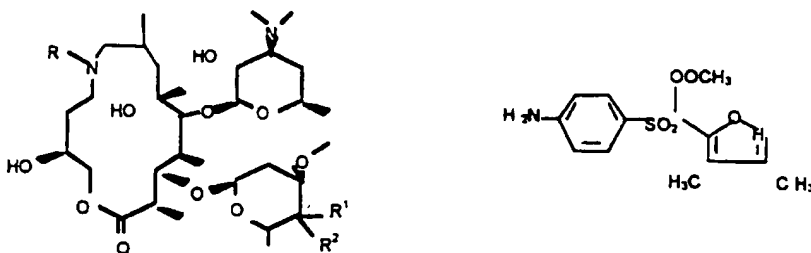


wherein R is cyano, R<sup>1</sup> is an amino group, and R<sup>2</sup> is H.

## AMENDED CLAIMS

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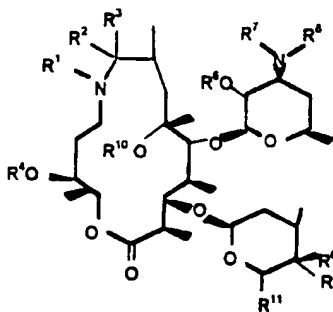


where R is hydrogen;

C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkylcarbonyl, or substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkyl wherein said substituent is amino or cyano;

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are independently hydrogen, hydroxyl or amino; and the pharmaceutical salts and esters thereof.

2. A pharmaceutical composition of a erythromycin derivative combined with acetylsulfisoxazole according to the structural formula:



and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters and metal complexes thereof. wherein

R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen,

C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkylcarbonyl or unsubstituted or substituted.

C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkyl [where] wherein said substituent is amino or cyano;

R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are hydrogen;

R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> together are oxo;

$R^4$  is hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$  alkylcarbonyl;

$R^5$  and  $R^6$  are independently hydrogen, hydroxy or amino;

$R^5$  and  $R^6$  together are oxo or oximino;

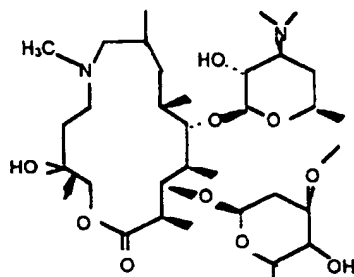
$R^7$  and  $R^8$  are independently hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$  alkyl or phenylsulfonyl;

$R^9$  is hydrogen, or  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$  alkylcarbonyl,

$R^{10}$  is hydrogen, and

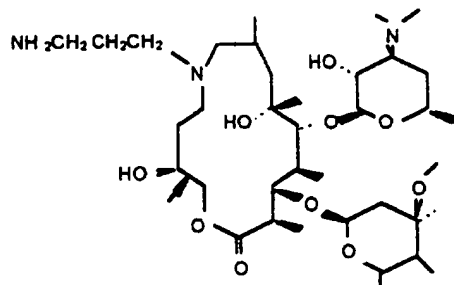
$R^{11}$  is hydrogen or acetyl.

3. The composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the erythromycin derivative has the structural formula:



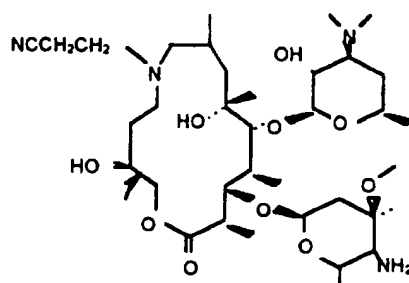
wherein R is methyl,  $R^1$  is H and  $R^2$  is OH.

4. The composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the erythromycin derivative has the structural formula:



wherein R is amino alkyl carbonyl,  $R^1$  is H and  $R^2$  is OH.

5. The composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the erythromycin derivative has the structural formula:



wherein R is cyano, R<sup>1</sup> is an amino group, and R<sup>2</sup> is H.

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